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8. [ ] On the basis of information provided by Mr. [ ]  
[ ] I briefed George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic  
Energy staff, on what we knew of the incident involving the arrest of a Soviet  
diplomat in Belgium for alleged espionage activities. See Journal of 7 June.

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9. [ ] [ ] advised that  
Representative George W. Andrews' (D., Ala.) office, on reference from  
the Federal Communications Commission, had requested material relating  
to radio frequencies in Canada. Arrangements were made to have the  
material delivered.

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10. [ ] Accompanied Mr. [ ] OCI,  
on a periodic briefing of former Speaker John McCormack. Mr. McCormack  
was alert and very pleased with the briefing.

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11. [ ] Called Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House  
Armed Services Committee, to say that Representative William Scott (R., Va.)  
wanted a briefing on the Agency's reaction to the Badillo bill and a general run-  
down of Agency activities. Blandford said he knew of no reason why we shouldn't  
level completely with Scott, avoiding any sensitive matters such as operational  
sources and methods.

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12. [ ] Called the office of Dick Cook, White House  
Congressional Liaison staff, to see if they had any guidance regarding the handling  
of Representative William Scott's request. In Cook's absence, I talked to Max  
Friedersdorf, who spoke well of Scott and agreed he should be given a candid  
briefing. Friedersdorf also agreed with my position that the Agency should not  
comment on the Badillo bill (which would forbid the Agency's involvement in  
any sort of paramilitary operations)--that this was a matter for the White House  
or State to comment on, if comment was necessary.

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13. [ ] Met with Representative William Scott in  
response to his request for a general briefing on the Agency and an indication of  
the Agency's attitude toward the Badillo bill. I told Scott we took no formal position  
on the Badillo bill, feeling this was a policy matter for the White House or State.  
I explained that in any event we undertook no paramilitary operations except on the  
orders of higher authority. Also, in response to his questions: I explained we had  
no internal security responsibilities within the U.S.; the nature of our cooperation  
with the FBI and with certain foreign intelligence services; reasons for our con-  
cern over the number of recent disclosures of classified information; relations  
within the intelligence community, and our responsibilities as laid down by the  
National Security Act of 1947.

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